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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2176**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Koichi HAYASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 09/519,766

Examiner: M. Nguyen

Filed: March 6, 2000

Docket No.: 105619

For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING INTRINSIC ACCESS SPACE TO
USER IN HYPERTEXT SPACE**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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Sir:

In reply to the February 11, 2004 Office Action, reconsideration is respectfully
requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-15 are pending.

Applicants acknowledge and thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of
claims 3, 4 and 7-15. However, for reasons to be discussed below, Applicants assert that all
of the claims 1-15 are allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over Malik (U.S. Patent
No. 6,023,701). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

With respect to independent claim 1, Malik does not disclose or suggest (1) first means
for adding space identification information to specific information for each user associated
with the specific access space relative to page information and managing it in correlation with